NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COLLECTED FOR VOLUME IV, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1640.

Miss Margaret Midgley collected the documents for vol. IV, 1500-1640, and Dr Stephen Porter for vol. V, 1640-1750.

PROBATE INVENTORIES

Miss Midgley's list of Northants. parishes, notes the places for which she collected inventories.
The only inventories available to her c. 1958-9 were for:
1660s
1690s
1720s

When Stephen Porter collected inventories in the 1960s, he collected more for the same dates, so there may be overlaps. He encloses here a note about their numbering.
1650s and 1660s
1690s
1710s
1740s

NORTHANTS. RECORD OFFICE

Note from archivist re. court rolls for forests.
Grant of fairs to Brackley, 1554.
Court rolls for Brackley, 1605.
Tithes of Brackley and Halse, nd., c 1600-1620.
Woodford Manor, court orders, 1698.
Court rolls, Spratton manor, 1584, 1611-60.
Kilsby manor, customs agreed, 1613 (and carbon).
Customs of Brigstock manor, 1391, and carbon.
Legal papers re. Brigstock, incl. customs, c.1620, and carbon.
Irchester court rolls, 1522, 1580.
Brackley manor, court of survey, 1587.
Survey of all lands of Lady Mary Bevill in Wood Preston, 1611.
Draft court roll of manor of Bishop of Peterborough, i.e. Gunthorpe, etc. in Preston, 1548.

MATERIAL GATHERED FOR VOL. V, 1640-1750

Cartwright of Aynho, account of malt, wheat, oats, beans, 1729-43, no place mentioned (and carbon copy).
Fitzwilliam correspondence on estate matters, 1682-1703. Some of these pages are carbon copies, some top copies.
Isham MSS., top copies and carbons on misc estate subjects: survey of Lamport lands, 1658, ploughing arrangements, lands in hand, 1680-81, value of new enclosures, etc. Westmorland MSS, top copies and carbons, valuation of Apethorpe, 1696, valuation of farm in Tansor, 1728. Brudenell Papers, letters to Earl of Cardigan at Deene on estate matters, 1726-8.

More Fitzwilliam correspondence, 1674, 1682, 1689 about grafting fruit trees, arrears of rent, damage by flooding, etc. 
Fitzwilliam MS. survey of Maxey, 1714-20. Fitzwilliam MSS, surveys and terriers, including NORFOLK land, 1754, 1729, top copies and carbons.

Dryden of Canons Ashby Collection, accounts, 1654/5, memoranda, 1668-1715, etc.(with some carbons). 
Survey of Barton and manor of Potheridge, with Dolton and Cherubere, DEVON, 1690, (with carbon). 
Finch Hatton MSS., top copies and carbons, estate matters, including survey of Great Weedon, 1681, Sir Christoper Hatton's delinquency fine. 1647, survey, 1666 of Gretton,etc. Brudenell Collection, stining agreement at Deenethorpe, 1655, livestock at Deene, 1662 (and carbons).

Grafton estate memoranda,1725/6; enclosures in Stoke Bruerne, 1752 (and carbons). FitzwillIam MSS., photocopies of survey of Higham Ferrers summarized, with explanation by Stephen Porter, 1737. 
Brudenell collection, odd page evidently detached from something else. Fitzwilliam MSS., note on fruit trees grafted, 1674/5; ploughing allowed for higher rent, getting cauliflower seed, 1704/5.

Photocopies of interesting letters, assembled in one package, on misc. agric. subjects: e.g. letter from Rev. I. Laurence at Yelvertoft to Sir Justinian Isham, 1715, reflecting on the qualities of a good gardener, plans for cropping Grafton common field, 1729, discussion between 4 esquires (experimenting?) about cropping some fields (at Grafton?) and grazing cow common, terms of a lease, etc. 
Large package of glebe terriers, with list of names and dates, 1630s onwards.

NA, KEW, STATE PAPERS DOMESTIC, COURT OF REQUESTS, CHANCERY, ETC.

Particular of manor of Rother Thrup, ?1638.
Particular of lands of Sir Lewis Pemberton of Rushden, ? 1638.
Particular of lands of Lord Fitzwilliam in Caston, etc. near Peterborough, ?1638.
Particular of manors of Castor and others, ?1638.
Justification for an enclosure at Apethorpe, 1630. Countess of Westmorland does not wish to enclose a whole manor or depopulate, 1630.
Dispute re. commoning of a sheepwalk in Rothwell, 1616. Dispute re. enclosure at Middleton Cheney, 13 Eliz. 
Lease of demesne and warren in Moulton, 1529.
Sale of sheep of Dame Eliz. Hatton explained, 1601.

MISC. ODDMENTS
Notes by Alan Everitt of his impressions of Northants. 
Letters from Margaret Midgley and Alan Everitt to Joan Thirsk. 
MS in Bodleian Library describing Northants. economy, agriculture and fens in 1744.
NORTHUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON NORTHUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND, COLLECTED FOR TWO VOLUMES, IV AND V, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1760

(Some were collected by Miss Margaret Midgley, one by Dr Stephen Porter)

NORTHUMBERLAND

PROBATE INVENTORIES
1540s
1560s
1590s
1610s
1630s
1660s
1690s
1720s

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE CENTRAL LIBRARY


CARLISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, TULLIE HOUSE

Minister's accounts for Morpeth boro' and other manors, 1609-10, 1634.
Egmond manor or lordship (otherwise Coupland), court of survey, 1578.

WEST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE

Bailiff's accounts for Northumberland, 1700.

NA, STATE PAPERS DOMESTIC, AT KEW

Miscellaneous documents from :
State Papers (re. carrying wool from Northumberland to Scotland, 1623, conditions in Redesdale and Tyndale, 1619,); Exchequer Special Commissions and Depositions (re. coalpits in Sugley, dung for farmers from Newcastle on Tyne, saltmarsh pasture in Coquetdale - child forced to remember boundaries by putting his bare buttock on a bounderstone!; many more cases on other subjects.
WESTMORLAND

PROBATE INVENTORIES

1560s
1590s
1610s
1630s
1650s
1660s
1690s
1720s

Miss Midgley's Report on the archives for Westmorland in Kendal

AND

An item from ESSEX RECORD OFFICE

Account and rental from Earl of Sussex's Westmorland estates.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COLLECTED FOR TWO VOLUMES, IV AND V, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1760

(Miss Midgley collected for Vol. IV, Dr Stephen Porter for vol. V.)

PROBATE INVENTORIES

1560s
1590s
1630s
1660s and 1690s
1710s and 1720s
Note also: three gardeners for 1674, 1686, 1690.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

4th and 5th printed reports of MSS Dept., Nottingham University.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Letter from John Clay to Richard Brough, 1747, re. payment awaited for agistment that will then pay the rent.

NOTTINGHAM REGISTRY OFFICE

Various photocopies, i.e. rental of Duchess of Rutland estates, 1722.
Gardener's inventory, 1722.
Inventory of John Smith of Langford, 1745.
Survey of Syerston, 1724.
Welbeck accounts, summary, 1668.
Letter re. house, Chesterfield, 1744.
Profits and stock at Braunton, 1717.
Map of Notts. wapentakes and parishes.
Will, 1721, of John Calton of Mansfield Woodhouse, gardener.
Extract from John Holland, History of Worksop, about liquorice, 1826.
Pages from a list of MSS recorded by NRA for Notts. including refs. to Newcastle MSS., Southwell Minster MSS., etc., with carbon copy.

READING UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, FARM RECORDS COLLECTION

Farm accounts for North Babworth farm, Notts. 1651-2, 1674.

NA, KEW, STATE PAPERS DOMESTIC

Two items on enclosure, with photocopies, as originals are almost illegible
OXFORDSHIRE

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON OXFORDSHIRE COLLECTED FOR TWO VOLUMES, IV AND V, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1760

Miss Margaret Midgley did not search for documents in Oxfordshire, probably because Michael Havinden was working on the county. The only documents in the Oxfordshire file are these, collected by Dr Stephen Porter in the Bodleian Library and Oxfordshire Record Office.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

Survey of Woodstock manor, 1649.  
Particular of Spelsbury enclosure and Ditchley, c. 1750.  
Cost of carpenter's work in building a new stable, Ditchley, c. 1701.

OXFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Inventory of household goods of Earl of Litchfield at Ditchley, 1743.  
Plan of Ditchley House, ?1720

NATIONAL ARCHIVES, KEW

Particular of Baynton manor, ?1638.  
Chancery case, 1616, against a yeoman carelessly guarding another's sheep at Chipping Norton.  
State paper re. enclosure disturbances, 1597, when poor lacked corn at Enslow.
RUTLAND

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON RUTLAND COLLECTED FOR VOLUME V OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1640-1750

There is very little here: inventories were collected by Dr Stephen Porter in the Northants. Record Office. Miss Midgley listed Rutland records that appeared in National Register of Archives lists)

PROBATE INVENTORIES

1690s
1710s
1740s

OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: HAMPSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Some steward’s correspondence relating to the Southwick estates, near Oakham, 1706
SHROPSHIRE

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON SHROPSHIRE COLLECTED FOR TWO VOLUMES, IV AND V, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1760

(Some were collected by Miss Margaret Midgley, some by Dr Stephen Porter, some additional notes are added at the end that were given to Joan Thirsk by Professor Peter Edwards, who did much research on Shropshire, and some are Joan Thirsk’s own notes.)

PROBATE INVENTORIES, NB They come from different record offices, and are grouped and labelled thus:

1540s
1560s
1590s
1610-19 (from Lichfield JRO)
1630s
A mixed batch, 1 item for 1640s, some for 1660s, a few for 1700.
North Shropshire, 1640s
North Shropshire, 1650s
North Shropshire, 1660s
Shropshire, 1660s (from Nat. Lib. Wales)
Shropshire 1660s (Lichfield Consist. Court)
Shropshire, 1690s (Lichfield Cons. and Joint Record Office)
North Shropshire, 1690s
South Shropshire, 1690s
South Shropshire, 1690s (Nat. Lib. Wales)
South Shropshire, 1710s
North Shropshire , 1710s
North Shropshire, 1720s (Lich. Cons)
South Shropshire 1720s (Nat. Lib. Wales)
Shropshire, 1740s
South Shropshire, 1740s
Bridgnorth Peculiar, of mixed dates, from National Library of Wales.

OTHER MANUSCRIPTS ON SHROPSHIRE AS LISTED HERE:

From SHEFFIELD CITY LIBRARY.

A note by Stephen Porter about MSS in the Sheffield City library, and permission needed to cite them.
Arundel Castle MSS on tithes.
Wharncliffe Collection, misc. incl. valuations, surveys, survey of Worksop, 1670.
Wharncliffe Collection incl. Valuation of Carleton, 1756
Spencer Stanhope MSS, incl. cashbook, 1737-, survey, 1651
Wentworth Woodhouse MSS., inc. extract from Evan's accounts, 1751-, correspondence, rental.
Misc. other MSS on agric. matters.

**From BODLEIAN LIBRARY, OXFORD.**

Refs. to Salop MSS.

**From NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES.**

A few Shropshire pages.

**From READING UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.**

Account book for Salop farm, Coton Hall, 1744

**From SHROPSHIRE RECORD OFFICE and SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

(NB Not all these MSS are correctly sorted, as some are from the William Salt Library)

From Bridgewater Collection,
Survey of Lady Halton Manor, 1587
Document (17th c) on ways to make profit from commons and wastes.
Misc. manorial documents of agrarian interest incl. Wem Court Book,1572-8
Eyton Manor, Condover Collection
Re. Pitchford Hall, common field agreement for enclosure, 1633
Measuring boundaries at Diddlesbury
Corfton Court Papers, 1580-1612
Building of Corfton Chapel (Baldwyn family documents)
Corbett MSS, Ministers’ Accounts, 1528-9, 1567-9
Survey, 1612 of manor of Bishops Castle
Notes from large folio of mixed subjects, Edgmond and Longford inter alia.
Wem manor, survey and extent, 561.
Page of details re. History of Wem.
Copy of Chancery decree, Ford alias Fordsholme manor, Salop, 1775.

Shrewsbury Borough Records from Guildhall

Shrewsbury Public Library documents re. Clee Hill Common.
Adderley Estate (Corbet family)
Rental of Great Drayton manor, 1670.
Depositions re. Hargrave commons, 1606.
Parliamentary survey of Holgate, 1648.
Commons dispute at Bewdley.
List of Maps in Salop Record Office.
Lands of Chas Foxe, esq., lord of Corfton manor.
Horse and cattle toll books
Horse and cattle fairs
Customs of Ford manor, 1608
Land values, Albright Lee and Haughmond manor, 1666.
Wem Court of Survey, 1564.
PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

Two Shropshire items collected by Alan Everitt from NA, Public Record Office in Chancery Lane.

Notes from Rowton inventories and an Exchequer case, re. Wealdmoors, Adney manor, 1612, written up by Peter Edwards.
Notes by Joan Thlrsk of articles by Dorothy Sylvester and W.J.Slack on Shropshire.

Reminder of Sources yet to be seen.

LICHFIELD JOINT RECORD OFFICE

Tithes due from Richard Dodd, Chetwynd, 1676.
Tithes due from Richard Higginson, Wem, 1675.
Worfield, 1675, William Taylor has carried away tithes of Worfield.
SOMERSET

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON SOMERSET COLLECTED FOR TWO VOLUMES, IV AND V, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1760

(Some were collected by Miss Margaret Midgley, some by Dr Stephen Porter).

PROBATE INVENTORIES

NB They come from different sources, and although grouped by decades, watch the dates and forms of numbering carefully, as I found them in muddled date and source order:

1539, one inv. only
1560s, one inv. only
1590s
1610s
1630s
1630-82
A group of 20 invs. labelled as "the only East Somerset invs. Bath and Wells archdeaconry, 1630-82," i.e. of varying dates.
1640s (Archdeaconry of Taunton)
1660s (Archdeaconry of Taunton)
1690s (Archdeaconry of Taunton)
1710s (Archdeaconry of Taunton)
1730s and 1740s (Archdeaconry of Taunton)

Joan Thirsk's provisional notes about Somerset's farming regions, based on inventories, to send to contributors.

Miss Midgley's list of parishes for which she found inventories, with dates.
Miss Midgley's notes of relevant archives that she found when making a preliminary survey of material relating to Somerset.

MSS FROM VARIOUS ARCHIVES, as follows:

BRISTOL ARCHIVES OFFICE

Material collected for Volume IV of The Agrarian History, 1500-1640.
One page explaining what archives were there.
A list of surveys, 1542-7, of manors, as follows, Stockland in BRISTOL, Hampe in co. Somerset, South Brewham in Somerset, Winterbourne Gunner, co. WILTS. Two copies of these are transcribed, of which one is a very faint carbon.
Survey of Congresbury manor, 1567, and another, 1593/6.
One page summary of survey of Hampe manor, 1655, being a paper roll of 27 sheets.

Material collected for Volume V, 1640-1750
BRISTOL ARCHIVES OFFICE

Survey of various manors, 1683.

SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE

Typescript account of exhibition of Somerset documents.
Dunster Castle MSS, mixed places, 16th c., court rolls, survey, accounts etc.
Survey of Lyde Farm, Yeovil, 1653/4.
Book of Survey of Nettelcombe, Rowdon, and Wood Advent, 1619.
Many glebe terriers.
Mudgley manor survey, 1558.
Survey of Chew Magna, 1615.
Survey of Milton next Wells, 1621.
Court Roll, Over Vexford, 1523, and 1607.
Imperfect Lease book or survey of Othery Manor, c.1610.
Kilten or Culveton manor; articles of covenant, 1599.
Court roll, East Quantoxhead, 1581.
Minehead, Account of bailiff, 1524-5.
Manorial boro’ of Dunster, info. Re. water mills, temp. Eliz.
Over Vexford

Material Collected for Volume V of The Agrarian History, 1640-1750,

SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE

A page by Dr Stephen Porter explaining what archives were there.
Survey of various manors, 1683.
Carew of Crowcombe MSS.
Accounts, 1708-15, 1738-48, etc.
Survey of part of lordship of Charlcombe, 1731.
Survey of estates of Lady Eliz. Poulett, 1650.
Account book for Hestercombe, 1696-1723.
Brymore Correspondence, 1690-1699.
Survey of Radstock, 1693.
Survey of Spaxton, etc., c.1710.
Sydenham papers, lease by Sir Philip Sydenham, 1723.
Poulett MSS, Estate Accounts of John Lord Poulett, 1651-5.
Survey of Poulett family lands NB.IN DEVON, 1700.
Walker-Heneage MSS., Cattle and sheep of Sir Heneage Button of Tockenham and Shaw, 1672-83.
Goods taken from Tockenham and commons by Sir Edward Hungerford and soldiers, 1643, with total account of plunder.
Survey of Portbury, 1723.
Day Book of Robert Marwood of Cookshays (Somerset Archaeological Collection; Papers of Arthur Hull).

Survey of Chew Baber, 1730.
Sanford MSS, Letter re. foul ways, 1698.
Tithes of East Lydford, 1745.
Tithes of Doultling, 1745.
More tithes cases for West Bayborough, Wembdon, Bleadon, St Cuthbert in Wells, 1730s and 1740s.
Brewton, cattle distemper, 1748.
Assize roll item re. an escapade, 1702.
Details re. parsonage and land at Timsbury, n.d. but some time 1689-1732,
Survey of Milton Clevedon manor, 1730.

DEVON RECORD OFFICE

Sampford Brett and Culverclyff Wacchett, bailiff”s account, 1584-5.
Accounts of Sir John Peter, etc., 1598-1607.
Note of some illegible or difficult surveys.

EXETER CITY LIBRARY

Account rolls of manors of Countess of Devon, temp. Hen. VIII.

SEVERAL ODDMENTS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES:

WILTSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Brief page of notes from Account Book of trustees of late Mr John Trenchard of Abbots Leigh, Somerset, 1723-4.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY, OXFORD

Page of notes from rector’s book of Samuel Woodford, of Ansford, Somerset.

WEST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE, CHICHESTER.

Survey of Wadham and Gambuston, 1742 (from Petworth House archives).

N.A. PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, KEW

State Papers Domestic on:-

State of local economy in 1631.
Import of Irish cattle, 1621.
Enclosure, 1622-3.
A conversion to tillage and not to pasture, 1578.

BERKSHIRE RECORD OFFICE (LATE ADDITION)

Letter about North Petherton harvest, and tithe dispute, 1757.